

# PATENT SPECIFICATION



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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

### Improvements in or relating to Trunks, Suit Cases, and the like.

I, FREDERICK SANDERS LAKEMAN, of Elsternwick, Lenzie, Dumbartonshire, of British nationality, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to trunks, suit-cases, and the like of the type provided with a diaphragm adapted to engage the upper surface of the contents and associated with a strap secured to the walls of the case and fitted with fastening means such as a buckle, the strap, when taut, acting to press the diaphragm against the contents.

In trunks and cases of this type it is customary to secure the straps to the lateral walls of the case near the base and to lead the straps over the edges of the diaphragm.

The primary characteristic of the present invention is the feature that the ends of the straps are threaded through eyelet slots formed in the marginal edges of the diaphragm.

A secondary characteristic of the invention is the feature that the diaphragm is provided with an aperture functioning as a finger grip facilitating the removal of the diaphragm from the trunk or case.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Fig. 1 is a conventional representation of a suit case in plan, and Fig. 2 a section.

As shown there is fitted to a suit case a diaphragm 1 adapted to engage the upper surface of the contents indicated at 2 and associated with a strap 3 secured at 4 to

the walls 5 of the case and fitted with 40 fastening means constituted by a buckle 6. It will be seen that, when the strap is taut, the diaphragm will be pressed against the contents 2.

The ends of the strap are threaded 45 through eyelet slots 7 formed in the marginal edges of the diaphragm 1.

The diaphragm is provided with an aperture 8 functioning as a finger grip facilitating the removal of the diaphragm 50 from the case.

If desired, a suitable number of superposed diaphragms may be employed with the contents of the case sandwiched between each pair.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. In a trunk, suit case, or the like of the type herein referred to, the feature that the ends of the strap are threaded through eyelet slots formed in the marginal edges of the diaphragm.

2. In a trunk, suit case, or the like, according to Claim 1, the feature that the diaphragm is provided with an aperture functioning as a finger grip facilitating the removal of the diaphragm from the trunk or case.

Dated this 21st day of August, 1920.

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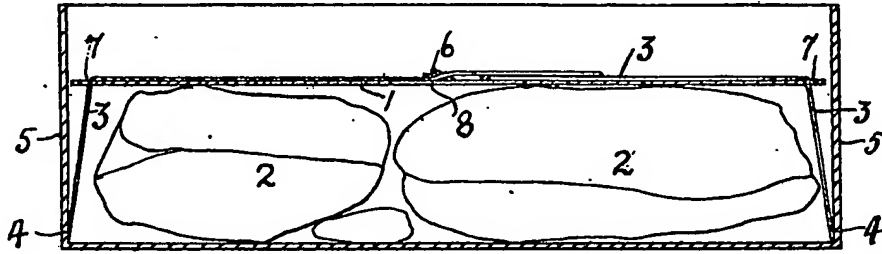


Fig. 2.

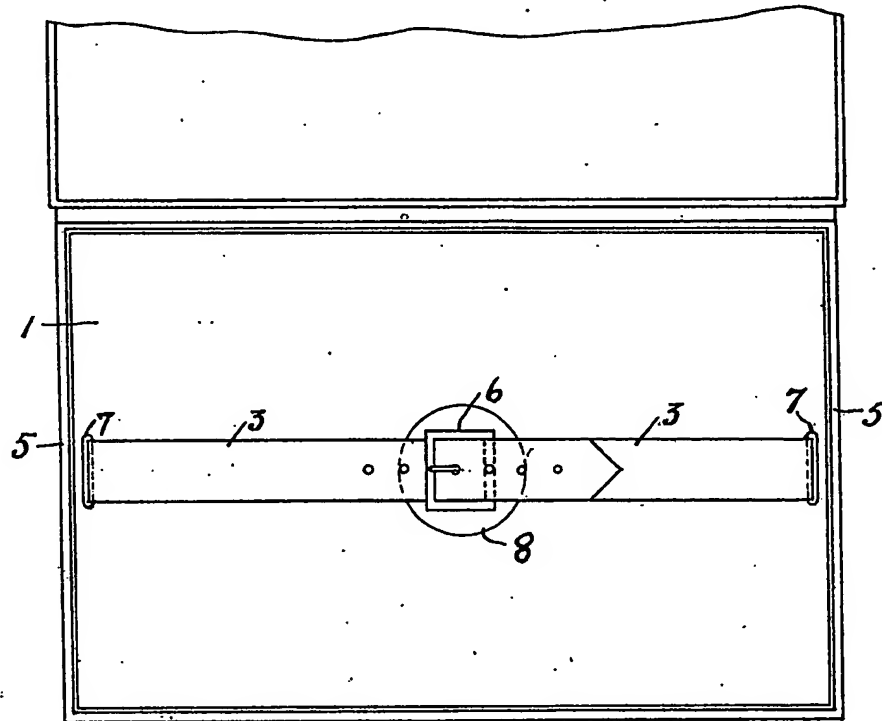


Fig. 1.